

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1, 4-6, 9, and 11-12 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9, 11 and 12 have been rejected. Claims 3-4, 8 and 10 are indicated to be allowable over the cited prior art.

Claim 1 has been amended to include certain limitations of claims 2 and 3. Claim 6 has been amended to include certain limitations of claims 7 and 8. Claim 9 has been amended to include certain limitations of claim 10. Claims 2-3, 7-8, and 10 have been cancelled.

Applicants submit that previous claims 1-12 are patentably distinguishable over the cited references for the reasons mentioned in applicants' previous response. However, as the examiner has indicated that certain claims appear to be allowable, applicants have amended the claims and cancelled certain claims, without prejudice, as indicated above to move the prosecution of this case forward. Applicants submit that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Having fully addressed the Examiner's objections and rejections it is believed that, in view of the preceding amendments and remarks, this application stands in condition for allowance. Accordingly then, entry of this amendment, reconsideration of the claims, withdrawal of the objections and rejections thereto, and allowance of all claims are respectfully solicited. If, however, the Examiner is of the opinion that such action cannot be taken, the Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's attorney at (609) 734-6815, so that a mutually convenient date and time for a telephonic interview may be scheduled.

No fee is believed to be incurred by virtue of this amendment. However if a fee is incurred on the basis of this amendment, please charge such fee against deposit account 07-0832.

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